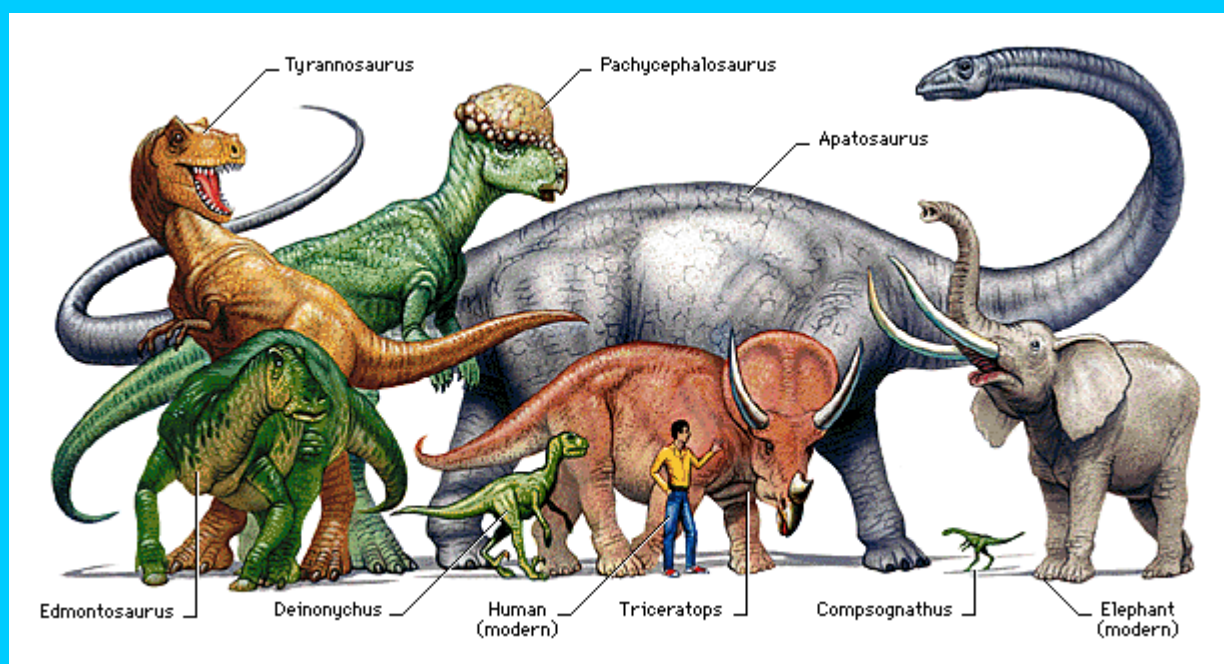


# Dinosaurs, the Ancient Giants



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## **Allosaurus**

Allosaurus means 'different lizard'. It lived in America and Australia. It became extinct in 145 million years ago. It was a carnivore. Allosaurus was about 40 feet long. It weighed over 4,000 pounds. It had a huge tail and bulky body. It used its claws to rip into flesh.



## **Apatosaurus**

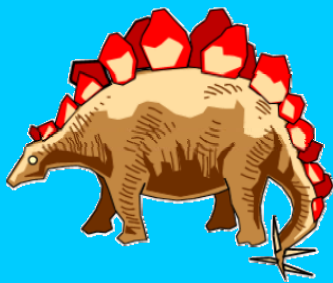
Apatosaurus means 'false lizard'. It lived in America and Mexico. It became extinct 145 million years ago. It was an herbivore. Apatosaurus was about 75 feet long. It weighed

as much as four elephants. It used its long tail to fight off attackers. It ate conifers and green leaves.



## **Tyrannosaurus**

Tyrannosaurus means 'tyrant lizard'. It lived in Asia and America. It became extinct 65 million years ago. It was a carnivore. Tyrannosaurus was as long as a tennis court. It was as heavy as an elephant. It could not chew so swallowed its food whole. Some of its teeth were nine inches long.



## **Stegosaurus**

Stegosaurus means 'roofed lizard'. It lived in Europe and America. It became extinct 140 million years ago. It was an herbivore. Stegosaurus was about 36 feet long. It was as heavy as an elephant. It ate ferns and bushy conifers. It had 17 bony plates on its back.



## **Iguanodon**

Iguanodon means 'iguana tooth'. It lived in Europe and America. It became extinct 125 million years ago. It was an herbivore. Iguanodon was about 30 feet long. It weighed about 10,000 pounds. It defended itself with its thumb spike. It ate ferns and green plants.



## **Pteranodon**

Pteranodon means 'winged and toothless'. It lived in America and England. It became extinct 65 million years ago. It was a carnivore. Pteranodon had a wingspan of 25 feet. It weighed about 35 pounds. It ate fish, crabs, and dead animals. It had no teeth so swallowed its food whole.





## **Dimetrodon**

Dimetrodon means 'two sets of teeth'. It was not a dinosaur but a pelycosaur. It became extinct 240 million years ago. It was a carnivore. Dimetrodon was over 10 feet long. It weighed about 550 pounds. It had a sail on its back to keep it warm. It ate animals with its razor sharp teeth.



## **Parasaurolophus**

Parasaurolophus means 'crested lizard'. It lived in America and Canada. It became extinct 65 million years ago. It was an herbivore. Parasaurolophus was up to 40 feet long. It weighed about 8,000 pounds. Its crest made a trumpet sound. It ate pine needles and ferns.



## **Triceratops**

Triceratops means 'three-horned face'. It lived in North America. It became extinct 65 million years ago. It was an herbivore. Triceratops was about 30 feet long. It weighed over 12,000 pounds. It ate palms and green plants. It had three horns.



## **Diplodocus**

Diplodocus means 'double-beamed'. It lived in North America. It became extinct 145 million years ago. It was an herbivore. Diplodocus was as long as a tennis court. It weighed as much as three elephants. Its tail was 45 feet long. It ate conifers and other plants.